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C. C. PEYTON,
Respondent.

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To the Honorable, the Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States:

The petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the decision and judgment of the

United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals (Appendix A) affirming a decision and judgment of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Appendix B), and the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of Virginia (Appendix F).

OPINION BELOW

The Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of Virginia rendered no formal opinion. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia rendered a formal opinion set forth in Appendix B; however, to the knowledge of the Petitioner, has not yet been reported.

The opinion of the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is set forth in Appendix A and to the knowledge of the Petitioner has not been officially reported.

The opinion of the United States Forth Circuit Court of Appeals was rendered June 22, 1964.

JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 and 14 of the United States Constitution. Constitutional provisions referred to are set forth in Appendix C.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

This case raises the multiple questions whether or not the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia made a substantial error in finding of fact in deny-

ing the Petitioner's Writ of Habeas Corpus; whether or not the evidence used for Petitioner's conviction was the result of an unlawful arrest and subsequent search and seizure made without probable cause; that whether or not an arresting officer has the duty to warn the Petitioner of his constitutional right to remain silent; and that whether or not statements made as the fruit of an unlawful search and seizure may be introduced in evidence against the Petitioner.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On the 29th day of September 1962, at the Safeway Store, 2300 North Harrison Street, Arlington County, Virginia, an unknown customer drew the attention of Mr. Snyder, the Safeway manager, to the Petitioner, Jack Lewis Katz. The Petitioner at the time, bought about $5.00 worth of groceries, paid for them and left the store. The manager called Officer Harding of the Arlington County Police Department, and who is also a part-time employee of the Safeway Store, who arrived shortly thereafter on the scene. The manager gave the description of the Petitioner to Officer Harding and the officer proceeded in a search of the area to find the Petitioner.

During his search, he was joined by Detective Cauffman of the Arlington County Police Department. In the meantime, Officer Harding had found an automobile which had several bags sitting on the floor near the back seat of the car. He could not tell from looking into the car what was in the bags, nor did he know who the car belonged to.

The Petitioner, Jack Lewis Katz, was spotted in a telephone booth and Detective Cauffman and Officer Harding approached the telephone booth. They asked the Petitioner

for identification and according to the testimony of Detective Cauffman, the Petitioner was placed under arrest there for shoplifting and was taken to the police cruiser.

Petitioner was asked if the car belonged to him. Petitioner denied that he owned the car. Petitioner was searched and a set of car keys was taken from his person by Detective Mackey of the Arlington County Police Department. Detective Mackey then searched the automobile in question and on searching the automobile, found that the automobile contained 256 cartons of cigarettes identified as having come from two (2) Safeway Stores in Arlington County, Virginia.

Police Officer Harding testified that after Petitioner was placed in the police cruiser and after the search had been consummated, Petitioner was placed under arrest for grand larceny and Officer Harding warned Petitioner of his constitutional rights to remain silent.

Detective Cauffman testified that Petitioner was under arrest at the telephone booth for shoplifting that Cauffman was with the Petitioner from that point on until the Petitioner was taken before a special commissioner in Arlington County, Virginia, and at no time to Cauffman's knowledge was the Petitioner warned of his constitutional rights and further, that at no time did the Petitioner give permission for his person or his car to be searched.

Detective Cauffman further testified that he was aware that there was a special commissioner on duty in Arlington County, 24-hours a day, who could issue a search warrant, that there was a total of four (4) police officers at the scene and that no police officer made an attempt to obtain a search warrant.

The Safeway Store manager testified that a female customer had brought his attention to the Petitioner; that he did not know her before, did not know her now, nor did not know where she could be found.

The Safeway manager testified as to the retail value of the cigarettes, as did Officer Harding, a part-time employee; at no time could they testify or would they testify as to the costs to Safeway Stores of the cigarettes or as to whether or not the cigarettes had been sold or stolen and if so, on what date. They could not testify as to the date that the cigarettes arrived at the store, nor could they testify as to the date the cigarettes left the store.

THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FEDERAL QUESTIONS IS RAISED

The Federal questions raised in this case was presented to the Circuit Court of Arlington County in a Motion to Suppress, which was overruled; was presented to the same court in the Trial on its Merits. The questions were presented to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in a Petition for a Writ of Error and Supersedeas. In each case the said courts considered the Federal questions and determined that no right of the Petitioner had been infringed. See Appendix E and F.

REASONS FOR ISSUANCE OF THE WRIT

We submit that the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decided a substantial question regarding the Federal Constitution which is of general importance and not in accord with the applicable decisions of this Court and that the questions were decided erroneous by the honorable court below.

The Petitioner was arrested on the information of an unknown informant. This informant was not known to the operators of Safeway Stores nor was she known to the police officers. As a matter of fact the arresting officer never saw or talked to the informant. Prior to the Petitioner's arrest the only evidence submitted in the case by the Commonwealth was that the Petitioner was carrying out a legitimate errand and had purchased several items at the Safeway Store. Petitioner was not arrested at or near the automobile in question but in a telephone booth.

Mere information from a third party, however reliable, that a felony is being committed without an effort to check its accuracy by personal observation, stakeout, or surveillance, would of itself be insufficient to authorize either issuance of warrant or a search without warrant. *U. S.* v. *Hill*, 114 Supp. 411 (D.D.C.).

It should be noted that the Petitioner (Katz) herein was not initially arrested on a felony but was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting. It was only after the Commonwealth Attorney had made an objection in the form of instructions to the witnesses that the detective changed his mind and said he could have been arrested on a grand larceny charge.

An uncorroborated tip by an informer whose identity and reliability are both unknown does not constitute probable cause to make an arrest where no exceptional circumstance is alleged to have existed, such as that defendant would have escaped, or that there was any necessity for apprehending him in the small hours of the morning. *Contee* v. *U. S.*, 94 U.S. App. D.C. 237. *Wong Sun and James Wah Toy*, v. *U. S.*, 371 U.S. 471.

It is well settled law that all evidence obtained by searches and seizures in violation of the Constitution is, by that same authority, inadmissible in either a state court or a Federal court. *Dollree Mapp* v. *State of Ohio*, 367 U.S. 643.

A search of an arrested person is permitted for two (2) reasons: (1) in order to protect the arresting officer and to deprive the prisoner of a potential means of escape; (2) secondly, to avoid the destruction of evidence by the arrested person. *U. S.* v. *Rabinowitz*, 339 U.S. 56; *John Brenton Preston* v. *U. S.*, 84 S. Ct. 881 and *Joseph Lyle Stoner* v. *State of California*, 84 S. Ct. 889, both said decisions having been rendered by the United States Supreme Court on March 23, 1964.

In *Hall* v. *Warden, Maryland Penitentiary*, 313 Fed. (2d) 483, United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the facts were substantially as follows: Hall was convicted in a Baltimore Circuit Court of fatally stabbing one Anna B. Goff, whose body was found in a tavern on July 16, 1959. In a search of Hall's hotel room the next day, police discovered several cigar boxes taken from the tavern, containing cash and checks. As the search was being made, they said, Hall started to tell police he had bound and gagged Mrs. Goff, but did not remember killing her. Investigators said he told them later, "I must have killed her, but I don't know." The search was made without a search warrant, and the appellate court found that, "It would have been a simple matter to post a guard at the hotel room door and attempt to obtain a lawful (search) warrant."

It is submitted that in this case, four (4) police officers, Officer Harding, Detective Cauffman, Detective Mackey, and a uniformed police officer from Arlington County, Virginia, were present at the time of the arrest. It is further

submitted that a special commissioner was on duty in Arlington County, 24-hours a day and that one of his functions was the issuance of search warrants. Not one of the police officers present attempted to obtain a search warrant. It would have been a simple matter for one of the officers to have returned before the special commissioner while the others held the Petitioner and his automobile and the other officer obtained a valid search warrant. If this procedure had been followed, the arresting officer would have been protected. The prisoner would have been deprived of any potential means of escape and any possible means of destroying evidence would have been prevented.

Only where incident to a valid arrest, or in exceptional circumstances, may an exemption lie from judicial processes required by IV Amendment, and then the burden is on those seeking the exemption to show the need for it. *U. S.* v. *Jeffers*, 342 U.S. 48.

Searches and seizures made without a proper warrant are generally regarded as unreasonable and violative of IV Amendment. *Judd* v. *U. S.*, 89 U.S. App. D.C. 64.

". . . exploratory search . . . cannot be undertaken by officers with or without a warrant." *U. S.* v. *Rabinowitz*, 339 U.S. 56.

". . . No matter who the officer is or what his mission, a government official cannot invade a private home, unless (1) a magistrate has authorized him to do so, or (2) an immediate major crisis in the performance or duty afford neither time nor opportunity to apply to a magistrate." *D. C.* v. *Little*, 83 U.S. App. D.C. 242; *Accarino* v. *U. S.*, 85 U.S. App. D.C. 395; *Johnson* v. *U. S.*, 333 U.S. 10; *U. S.* v. *Rabinowitz, supra.*

"A search without warrant incident to an arrest is dependent initially on a valid arrest." *U. S.* v. *Rabinowitz, supra.*

The search must be valid *ab initio.* An illegal search and seizure cannot be justified because the property found is stolen. *Byars* v. *U. S.*, 273 U.S. 28.

What is a reasonable search is not to be determined by any fixed formula. The recurring questions of reasonableness of searches must find resolution in the facts and circumstances of each case. *U. S.* v. *Rabinowitz, supra.*

The obtaining of a search warrant may be waived by an individual and he may give his consent to a search and seizure, but such waiver or consent must be proved by clear and positive testimony and there must be no duress or coercion, actual or implied, and the government must show a consent that is unequivocal and specific, freely and intelligently given; and the burden of the government is particularly heavy where individual is under arrest. *Judd* v. *U. S.*, 89 U.S. App. D.C. 64; *Nelson* v. *U. S.*, 93 U.S. App. D.C. 14.

If a valid confession precedes a search by police, permission may show true consent to the search, but when police identify themselves as such, search a room, and find contraband in it, the occupant's words or signs of acquiescence in the search, accompanied by denial of guilt, do not show consent, in absence of some extraordinary circumstances, such as ignorance that the contraband is present. *Higgins* v. *U. S.*, 93 U.S. App. D.C. 340. Defendant who, after her arrest, was asked where her money was located, did not, by indicating that it was her purse, consent to search of purse. *Whitley* v. *U. S.*, 99 U.S. App. D.C. 159; *Judd* v. *U. S., supra.* See also *Hall* v. *Warden, Maryland*

Penitentiary, supra, in which during the search, Hall indicated that he might have been guilty of slaying Mrs. Goff. Such a statement was not considered a waiver of a search warrant.

In the case of *John Brenton Preston* v. *U. S., supra*, this Court held that the arrest, although it may have been valid, did not validate the unreasonable search and seizure made thereafter without a warrant, to quote from the court decision: "In the view we take of the case, we need not decide whether the arrest was valid, since we hold that the search and seizure was not. Once an accused is under arrest and in custody, then a search made at another place, without a warrant, is simply not incident to the arrest." *Agnello* v. *U. S.*, 269, U.S., at 31; *Stoner* v. *California, supra*.

The Petitioner therefore submits that the Commonwealth of Virginia did not show nor can it show exceptional circumstances which would justify the search of his automobile without his permission and without a warrant.

Where police searched for and seized contraband narcotics from a hotel room, the search and seizure was unlawful where police officers gained access to room in absence of defendant or occupants, and there was no question of violence nor an arrest or imminent destruction, removal or concealment of the drugs, and where, moreover, police could have prevented any such destruction or removal by guarding the door. *U. S.* v. *Jeffers*, 342 U.S. 48.

Where police went to apartment of defendant without a search warrant for the purpose of checking on a tip that he had stolen guns in his possession, and on verifying the tip, arrested the defendant, the search was not incident to the arrest, but rather the arrest was incident to the search; search and seizure therefore unlawful. *Lee* v. *U. S.*, 98 U.S. App. D.C. 97.

In *Johnson* v. *U. S.*, 333 U.S. 10, a police officer accompanied by narcotics agents, smelling burning opium, knocked at the door of the room from which the smell emanated, announcing themselves as officers. After the door was opened, the person inside was arrested and the opium burning equipment seized. The court held that the search was illegal because made without a warrant and could not be justified as an incident of the arrest. The Court said: "When the right of privacy must reasonably yield to the right of search is, as a rule, to be decided by a judicial officer, not by a policeman or government enforcement agent."

In the present case, "No reason is offered for not obtaining a search warrant except the inconvenience to the officers and some slight delay necessary to prepare papers and present the evidence to a magistrate."

In *McDonald* v. *U. S.*, 335 U.S. 451, police officers suspected that a lottery was being conducted in defendant's rented room. Having neither a search nor arrest warrant, the officers gained access to the defendant's room by opening a window leading to the landlady's premises and observed the lottery operations being carried on by looking through the transom. An arrest and seizure followed. Court held that the property was illegally seized because obtained without a warrant and because there were no compelling reasons to justify the officers' failure to obtain such a warrant.

It should be noted that at no time in the testimony, did any witness testify that they had seen the petitioner commit any crime and that information came through a third party whose reliability is unknown.

The voluntary statement of a person charged with a criminal offense is received in evidence on the basis that no one will make a statement contrary to his own interest if it is untrue. The controlling reason why involuntary statements are generally inadmissible is that their introduction would violate the constitutional guarantee which protects persons from being required to give evidence against themselves. *Smith* v. *Com.*, 10 Gratt, (51 Va.) 734. *Thaniel* v. *Com.*, 132 Va. 795, 111 S.E. 259. It is well settled that the defendant, when arrested by a police officer, is to be warned of his constitutional right to remain silent and that he does not have to give evidence against himself. Applying this to the facts in this case as shown by the testimony of Detective Cauffman, who states that from the time he arrested the Petitioner at the telephone booth until the time he was taken before a special commissioner, the Petitioner was in his custody and was always within hearing distance of the detective and at no time was Petitioner warned of his constitutional rights. Officer Harding testified that he so warned Petitioner of his constitutional rights in the police cruiser after the search had been consummated. Detective Cauffman disputes this. We, therefore, submit that the statements made prior to the search should have been excluded on the grounds that the Petitioner had not been warned of his constitutional right of remaining silent after being arrested.

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia erred in finding of fact from the record that the store manager (Snyder) had testified "That a customer had seen a man repeatedly entering and leaving the store carrying out bags containing cartons of cigarettes and placing them in a car.", when in fact in the transcript of record made in the Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia, on January 17-18, 1963, the Circuit Court of Arlington County sustained an objection by the Petitioner on the

grounds that any such conversation was hearsay and further that on December 19, 1962, during the course of a hearing on the motion to suppress the evidence, the witness, Howard Snyder (manager) did testify that an unidentified informer did tell him that a man and not a woman had seen the Petitioner carrying cigarettes, but nowhere is there a statement, "without paying for them and placing them in a car."

That the Petitioner thereupon moved the Arlington County Circuit Court that the conversation between the unidentified customer and the store manager be stricken as hearsay; that the court ruled on this motion in the following manner: "Well, let's argue the sufficiency of his reasons for action at another time. You have asked him what he did and let's go ahead with the question." The Petitioner submits this question strictly on the basis of the records made in the Circuit Court of Arlington County. The record plainly shows that no such statements and no such evidence, as found by the Honorable United States District Judge as having been made as set forth in his finding, is fact. And the Petitioner further submits that the United States District Court's decision was substantially based on this erroneous finding of fact.

Your Petitioner further alleges that he was convicted upon statements made as the fruits of an unlawful search and seizure.

The obtaining of a search warrant may be waived by an individual and he may give his consent to a search and seizure, but such waiver or consent must be proved by clear and positive testimony and there must be no duress of coercion, actual or implied, and the government must show a consent that is unequivocal and specific, freely and intelligently given; and the burden of the government is

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Defendant who, after her arrest, was asked where her money was located, did not, by indicating that it was her purse, consent to search of purse. *Whitley* v. *U. S.*, *supra*; *Judd* v. *U. S.*, *supra*.

See also *Hall* v. *Warden, Maryland Penitentiary*, *supra*, in which during the search, Hall indicated that he might have been guilty of slaying Mrs. Goff. Such a statement was not considered a waiver of a search warrant.

The Petitioner submits that his statments made to a detective after the search and to the assistant store manager during and after the search is not either waiver or consent, and as a matter of fact the Petitioner specifically refused the police officer the right to search.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above stated it is respectfully submitted that this petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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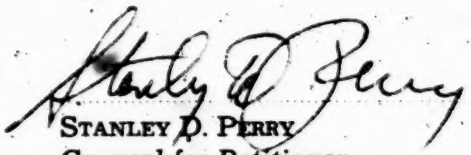
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stanley D. Perry, Attorney for the Petitioner, hereby certify that I have on the 28th day of August 1964, mailed with first class postage prepaid, a copy of the aforegoing Petition for Writ of Certiorari with Appendix attached, to RENO S. HARP, III, Esquire, Asst. Attorney General for Commonwealth of Virginia, Supreme Court Building, Richmond 19, Virginia, and PETER J. KOSTIK, Esquire, Asst. Commonwealth Attorney for Arlington County, Arlington, Virginia.



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APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 9377

Jack Lewis Katz,
Appellant,
versus
C. C. Peyton,
Appellee.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, AT ALEXANDRIA.
OREN R. LEWIS, DISTRICT JUDGE.

(Argued June 16, 1964. Decided June 22, 1964.)
Before SOBELOFF, Chief Judge, HAYNSWORTH, Circuit Judge, and MICHIE, District Judge.

Stanley D. Perry for Appellant, and Reno S. Harp, III, Assistant Attorney General of Virginia, (Robert Y. Button, Attorney General of Virginia, William J. Hassan, Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County, and Peter J. Kostik, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County on brief) for Appellee.

HAYNSWORTH, Circuit Judge:

This prisoner sought habeas corpus upon the ground that he was convicted in the state court on evidence obtained as a result of an illegal search. The District Court found that the search was incident to a lawful arrest. We

agree and need add little to what the District Court said in its opinion.[1]

One afternoon in September 1962, the petitioner Katz, managed to remove some 256 cartons of cigarettes from two supermarkets without paying for them. Packed in market bags, sixteen cartons to the bag, the cartons of cigarettes were stored in the trunk and the rear compartment of his automobile. While engaged in the removal of the last 26 cartons from a Safeway store in Arlington, Virginia, however, Katz excited the attention of another customer in the store. The customer, otherwise unidentified, reported to the Manager that she had seen a man repeatedly entering the store and leaving with bags of cigarette cartons, and, when Katz again returned to the store, he was pointed out by the customer as the individual who had been removing cigarettes. The Manager then kept Katz under close observation until he left, passing through the checkout counter and paying for the few articles, including two cartons of cigarettes, he then had with him.[2]

The Manager and the Assistant Manager, however, continued to keep Katz under observation, and police officials were summoned. A quick check of the cigarette counters disclosed that the stock was unusually low, and an automobile in the parking lot of the store was observed in which a number of laden market bags from the supermarket was stored on the floor of the rear compartment. These bags were covered with newspapers and other articles, so that their contents could not be observed from one side of the automobile. They were not fully shielded by the protective covering, however, so that from the other side of the auto-

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[1]Katz v. Peyton, E.D. Va., F. Supp.

[2]He was under close observation after he entered the store the last time and, apparently, was aware of it.

mobile, it could be seen that two bags of these bags contained cartons of cigarettes. These were observed by the Assistant Manager of the store and one of the police officers.

Meanwhile, Katz was seen approaching the automobile repeatedly from several different directions, retiring each time when he saw that the store manager, and later police officials, were standing near the automobile. On the last occasion, he retired to a telephone booth and there remained, not undertaking to use the telephone in any way, until police officials finally approached him.

Katz first denied ownership of the vehicle, but, when he was placed under arrest for shoplifting and a search of his person disclosed the registration card for the automobile and its keys, Katz then announced that he was indeed the owner of the automobile and that it was laden with cigarettes. He professed gladness that his carrer of shoplifting was at an end.

The principal question is whether or not there was probable cause for the arrest, for the search of the petitioner's person and, immediately thereafter, of his automobile after Katz's announcement of its contents, seems plainly reasonably incident to the arrest, if the arrest was lawful.

Katz ignores completely the unidentified customer's report to the Manager of the store that Katz had been seen repeatedly entering and leaving the store, carrying with him each time he left cartons of cigarettes, for which he had not paid. He contends that, since the reliability of the unknown informer was originally unknown and untested, the police officials had no right to place any reliance upon it, even to the extent of undertaking further investigation.

That is not the rule when later testing, before arrest, establishes the reliability of the informant's report. Though the informant's identity remains unknown, the reliability of the report was made manifest before the police acted.

Information from anonymous informants, or from those whose identity or reliability is unknown, or from informants who are known to be unreliable, cannot of itself furnish a basis of probable cause for arrest. Such information, though it has within itself no badge of trustworthiness, may, however, form a basis of probable cause for arrest if it is corroborated in essential particulars or is verified in essential parts by investigation before the arrest. This we specifically held in United States v. Irby, 4 Cir., 304 F.2d 280.

The information which the store manager obtained from the customer that Katz had been extracting cartons of cigarettes from the store without paying for them was sufficiently corroborated when bags were seen in the rear of the automobile, and the officer saw that the bags contained some cartons of cigarettes and the bags appeared to have been stuffed to their capacity with containers of the same size and shape. The information obtained further corroboration when Katz was seen repeatedly approaching that automobile, only to retire when he saw that it was being watched and attended by the storekeeper or police officers.

The customer's report would not alone furnish probable cause for arrest. The police did not act upon it alone. They acted only after their own investigation had given substance and verity to the original report. Collectively, all the information the police had when they acted furnished probable cause for the arrest.

Affirmed.

APPENDIX B

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Jack Lewis Katz was convicted of grand larceny in the Circuit Court of Arlington, Virginia, and sentenced to a term in the Virginia State Penitentiary. Having exhausted his state remedies, he now seeks his release in this Court by writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the judgment and sentence thus imposed are illegal and in contravention of the rights secured him by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

He assigns as error the admission of evidence obtained as a result of an unlawful search and seizure of his automobile; unlawful arrest (he concedes that if the arrest was lawful, the search and seizure was lawful); and the admission in evidence of "statements" made by him to the arresting officers before being advised of his constitutional rights.

The case was submitted upon the record made in the State court, no additional testimony being offered during the hearing before this Court.

Circumstances leading to the arrest of the defendant, the search of his automobile, and the seizure of the cigarettes were as follows:

On or about September 29, 1962, at the Safeway Store located at 2300 North Harrison Street, Arlington, Virginia, an unidentified customer indicated to the manager, Howard Snyder, that she had seen a man repeatedly entering and leaving the store carrying out bags containing cartons of cigarettes without paying for them and placing them in a car. The customer pointed out the man (defendant Katz),

who was then at the cigarettes display. Both the manager and the assistant manager, Alton Dewey, observed Katz going through the check stand with one or two cartons of cigarettes and some other items purchased in the ordinary course of business. They personally did not see him take any articles from the store without paying therefor.

The defendant then proceeded across Harrison Street and entered several stores. Snyder went out to the parking lot where he found a car, with District of Columbia tags, containing several bags marked "Safeway Stores" placed on the back floor. The bags were covered with lunch sacks and newspapers so that he was unable to discern their contents. He then returned to the store and phoned Officer H. E. Harding of the Arlington County Police, also a part-time employee of Safeway. Thereafter Snyder checked his cigarette stock and found certain brands unusually low.

Dewey, the assistant manager, also went out to the car under observation and he says cigarettes in one of the bags were definitely visible. He remained there and kept the defendant under surveillance. Katz returned from across the street, walked north where there are no stores. He was next seen on Lee Highway approaching the Safeway from an easterly direction. As he neared the car where Dewey was standing, he turned around and proceeded back down (west) Lee Highway.

Officer Harding arrived and was given a description of the defendant by Dewey. He called headquarters and waited at the car under observation until Detectives Cauffman and Mackey arrived in a cruiser. Cauffman testified that he definitely saw a corner of one of the cartons of cigarettes on the floor in the back of the car in question. Harding testified he saw the bags but not what they contained; however, he said he knew from previous experience in apprehending a

shoplifter that approximately sixteen cartons could be placed in one bag. There being two bags, he figured the value of the cigarettes in excess of $50.00, the statutory prerequisite for grand larceny in Virginia.

Detective Mackey remained with the cruiser on the Safeway parking lot while the other two officers proceeded to search for the defendant. A man matching the description given was found standing in a phone booth on Lee Highway about a block west of the Safeway Store. The Officers identified themselves, and when the defendant refused to voluntarily return with them to the cruiser, Detective Cauffman placed him under arrest for shoplifting. When they arrived at the cruiser Officer Harding charged him with grand larceny. Upon questioning, the defendant denied ownership of the car, but when asked to place his belongings on the trunk of the cruiser, his registration card revealed that his car and the one under observation were the same. Officer Mackey took the car keys found on Katz and was approaching the car when Katz admitted ownership of the car and the theft of the cigarettes. The car was then searched and approximately 256 cartons of cigarettes were found in the back seat and trunk, 96 of which were identified as being from the Safeway Store on Harrison Street and the rest from the Safeway Store at 1525 Wilson Boulevard in Arlington. When Assistant Manager Dewey identified the defendant as the man he had been watching, Katz said he was sorry, and told Dewey he was glad he was caught.

Probable cause to make an arrest without a warrant exists where the facts and circumstances within the knowledge of the arresting officers are sufficient to warrant a prudent man in believing that an offense has been committed or is being committed.[1]. Although an arrest cannot

[1] Carroll v. United States, 267 U.S. 132.

be founded upon mere suspicion, evidence required to establish guilt is not necessary.[2] Here we have more than mere suspicion: Positive identification of the suspect by a customer—his presence in the store—missing stock of certain brands of cigarettes—Safeway cigarettes, partially covered by bags, were found on the back floor of a locked car in the customer parking lot—suspicious activities on the part of the defendant in circling the area—his reluctance to return to his car—and loitering in a nearby phone booth.

Under these circumstances the arresting officers had probable cause to arrest Katz without a warrant, and the Court so finds.

Contee v. United States, 215 F.2d 324 (D.C. Cir. 1954), relied upon by the defendant, is not in point. There the arresting officer, acting on a completely uncorroborated tip by an identified informer, arrested the defendant at his home without a warrant. His sole source of information was the statement that Contee "was the party that had been involved in some robberies." Here the information given the manager by the customer was amply corroborated prior to the arrest.[3]

The search of the car and the defendant was incident to a lawful arrest. Both were reasonable and lawful absent a search warrant.[4] Further, the search was not made until after the defendant admitted the theft and ownership of the car under observation. Safeway cigarettes (fruits of the crime) were plainly visible in the back of the car.

Finally, the defendant claims the trial court erred in denying his motion to exclude statements made by him to

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[2] Draper v. United States, 358 U.S. 307.

[3] Draper v. United States, supra; United States v. Irby, 304 F.2d 280 (4th Cir.).

[4] United States v. Rabinowitz, 339 U.S. 56; Carroll v. United States, supra.

the police officers at the time of the arrest on the ground that he had not been advised of his constitutional right to silence. This contention is without merit. The statements complained of were voluntary admissions of guilt made by the defendant. There was no duty upon the arresting officer to warn the defendant that an admission they did not know he was about to make could be used against him.[6]

The petition for writ of habeas corpus will be DENIED.

/s/ OREN R. LEWIS
United States District Judge

January 31, 1964

[6] Fuller v. Commonwealth, 201 Va. 724, 113 S.E.2d 667; Mendoza v. Commonwealth, 199 Va. 961, 103 S.E.2d 1; see Culombe v. Connecticut, 367 U.S. 568.

APPENDIX C

The rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, Amendment IV: *Security from Unwarrantable Search and Seizure.*

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, Amendment XIV: Section 1: *Citizenship Rights Not To Be Abridged by States.*

APPENDIX D

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Plaintiff,

versus

JACK LEWIS KATZ,

Defendant.

MOTION TO SUPPRESS

Comes now the Defendant and moves this Honorable Court to suppress the evidence obtained against him and alleges as follows:

1. That the search and seizure of the evidence herein was conducted in violation of the Defendant's Constitutional rights under Article X, Constitution of Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. That the search and seizure herein denied the Defendant due process of law under Article IV and Article XIV of Constitution of United States.

3. That the search and seizure herein was conducted without a valid search warrant and a result of arrest without probable cause.

JACK LEWIS KATZ

By Counsel

APPENDIX E

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA
AT RICHMOND
RECORD NUMBER
JACK LEWIS KATZ
Petitioner
vs.
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Respondent

PETITION FOR WRIT OF ERROR AND SUPERSEDEAS

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ASSIGNMENT OF ERRORS

Defendant respectfully assign the following errors:

(1) That the Court erred in denying the Defendant's Motion to Suppress the evidence on the grounds that the said evidence was obtained as the result of an unlawful search and seizure of Defendant's automobile in violation of the Defendant's constitutional rights under Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(2) That the Court erred in denying the Defendant's Motion to Suppress the evidence herein as having been obtained by an unlawful search and seizure in violation of Defendant's rights under Article 4 and 14 of the Constitution of the United States.

(3) That the Court erred in ruling that the search and seizure herein was conducted as a result of a valid arrest with probable cause.

(4) That the Court erred in denying the Defendant's Motion to Strike the Commonwealth's evidence on the grounds that they had failed to prove the crime of grand larceny.

(5) That the Court erred in denying the Defendant's motion to exclude his statements made to police officers at the time of arrest on the grounds that he had not been warned of his constitutional rights.

APPENDIX F

Oct. 14

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Appeals held at the Supreme Court of Appeals Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday the 9th day of October, 1963.

The petition of Jack Lewis Katz for a writ of error and supersedeas to a judgement rendered by the Circuit Court of Arlington County on the 25th day of January, 1963, in a prosecution by the Commonwealth against the said petitioner for a felony, Case No. C-3500, having been maturely considered and a transcript of the record of the judgment aforesaid seen and inspected, the court being of opinion that the said judgment is plainly right, doth reject said petition and refuse said writ of error and supersedeas, the effect of which is to affirm the judgment of the said circuit court.

A copy, Teste:

(s) H. G. TURNER
Clerk